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Please delete the current Sequence Listing pages of the specification and insert in their place the appended hard copy Sequence Listing (pages 49-53). Please amend the pages following the Sequence Listing, if necessary, to accommodate the insertion of the Sequence Listing.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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24. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 21 comprising a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence identical to amino acids [1] 2 to 221 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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31. (Amended) A method for producing a polypeptide comprising [expressing from] culturing the recombinant cell of claim 30 under conditions suitable to produce the polypeptide encoded by said polynucleotide; wherein said polypeptide has the ability to stimulate the proliferation of human endothelial cells.

32. (Amended) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising:

[expressing from] culturing a recombinant cell containing the polynucleotide of claim 24 under conditions suitable to produce the polypeptide encoded by said polynucleotide; wherein said polypeptide has the ability to stimulate the proliferation of human endothelial cells.

33. (Amended) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising:

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[expressing from] culturing a recombinant cell containing the polynucleotide of claim 26 under conditions suitable to produce the polypeptide encoded by said polynucleotide; wherein said polypeptide has the ability to stimulate the proliferation of human endothelial cells.

34. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 21 comprising the polynucleotide sequence of nucleotides 4 to 663 of SEQ ID NO:1.

35. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 21 comprising the polynucleotide sequence of nucleotides 1 to 663 of SEQ ID NO:1.

36. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 21 comprising the [nucleotides of] the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.